

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

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DATE

April 09, 2014

MOTOR CARRIER MATTER

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DOCKET NO.

2013-392-E

UTILITIES MATTER

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ORDER NO.

SUBJECT:

DOCKET NO. 2013-392-E - Joint Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity for the Construction and Operation of a 750 MW Combined Generating Plant Near Anderson, SC – Discuss this Matter with the Commission.

COMMISSION ACTION:

On the matter of the construction and operation of a 750 megawatt combined cycle generating plant in Anderson, South Carolina, I move that we grant a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity to Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and the North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation for the construction and operation of that plant. I further move that we hold that Duke and NCEMC have satisfied all of the statutory criteria for the granting of this Certificate, as described in South Carolina Code Annotated Section 58-33-160, and that we approve the Settlement Agreement submitted in the case between Duke, NCEMC, and the Office of Regulatory Staff.

The Southern Alliance for Clean Energy and the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League requested that the Commission require Duke and NCEMC to submit an RFP for the consideration of a 375 MW solar facility that would be built in addition to the proposed combined cycle generating plant. Mr. Chairman, such a requirement would be a material change to the original Application filed. Based on its IRP, Duke does not need this additional 375 MW of capacity at this time. Also, there is no requirement for a company to issue an RFP except for peaking generation. The proposed 750 MW combined cycle generating plant is not a peaking generation unit. Duke can always voluntarily submit an RFP to consider cost-effective solar generation without this Commission requiring it to do so. Southern Alliance for Clean Energy and the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League also request that the Commission order Duke to not place the proposed combined cycle plant in operation prior to 2018. Depending on costs considerations and electricity demand, Duke should determine the optimal in-service date for the proposed generating plant. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Commission deny the requests of the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy and the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League. I also move that the Commission hold that Duke Energy Carolinas should continue to consider cost-effective solar generation as a part of its planning for its future generation mix.

PRESIDING: HamiltonSESSION: RegularTIME: 2:00 p.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	OTHER
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